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SUBJ: COMING ATTRACTION FOR JUNE: BAKSAL LEADERSHIP

1. ON JUNE 7, THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAUNCHING OF THE SIX-POINT MOVEMENT IN 1966, PRESIDENT MUJIBUR RAHMAN IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE THE COMPOSITION OF BAKSAL'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ABOUT A DOZEN MEMBERS AND TO NAME THE LEADERS OF THE FIVE PARTY FRONTS. IN HIS USUAL FASHION, MUJIB HAS KEPT POLITICAL OBSERVERS GUESSING ABOUT HIS FINAL SELECTIONS AND CONSEQUENTLY THE CITY IS HIP DEEP IN RUMORS AS TO HIS CHOICES. RUMORS ALSO ARE CIRCULATING THAT IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING, CO-INCIDENT WITH, OR JUST AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BAKSAL LEADERSHIP, MUJIB WILL SHAKE UP THE CABINET SOMEWHAT. THE SHEIKH MAY ALSO SQUEEZE INTO HIS TIME-TABLE FOR THIS WEEKEND THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE PRESS (DACCA 2641).

2. THE EXTENT OF SPECULATION CAN BE CONVEYED BY A FEW EXAMPLES:

--MANSOOR ALI IS WIDELY BELIEVED MUJIB'S CHOICE FOR BAKSAL SECRETARY-GENERAL. BUT WILL HE REMAIN AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRIME MINISTER OR RELINQUISH THAT POST TO KHONDOKAR

MUSHTAQUE AHMED?

- THE BAKSAL SECRETARY-GENERAL IS TO BE AIDED BY "JOINT SECRETARIES." BUT HOW MANY? THE GUESSES RANGE FROM TWO OR FOUR, WITH MUJIB TRYING TO ACCOMMODATE THE AMBITIONS OF SUCH FIGURES AS FORMER AWAMI LEAGUE ORGANIZING SECRETARY ABDUR RAZZAK, NEPHEW SHEIK FAZLUL HUG MONI, AND POSSIBLY FORMER AL VICE PRESIDENT MOHIUDDIN AHMED, IF NOT THE PERSISTENT PETITIONERS OF NAP/MUZAFFAR AND THE CPB.
- IF MONI BECOMES A BAKSAL OFFICIAL, WILL HE GIVE UP HIS CLAIM AS CHIEF OF THE LABOR FRONT?
- TOFAEL AHMED IS RUMORED TO BECOME CHIEF OF THE YOUTH FRONT, BUT CAN HE HANG ON TO HIS POSITION AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT, AND THUS A POSITION OF REAL INFLUENCE?
- WILL VETERAN OPPOSITION LEADER ATAUR RAHMAN KHAN BECOME VICE PRESIDENT OR A CABINET MINISTER?

3. OUT OF ALL THIS SPECULATION, SEVERAL FACTORS EMERGE. ON JUNE 7 WE ARE LIKELY TO KNOW WHO THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP OF BAKSAL WILL BE, BUT NOT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENTIRE CENTRAL COMMITTEE WHICH MAY EVENTUALLY NUMBER ANYWHERE FROM 70 OR 200 PLUS MEMBERS AS MUJIB USES IT TO SATISFY VARIOUS FACTIONAL AND REGIONAL CONTENDERS. WE ARE ALSO UNLIKELY TO SEE A CABINET SHAKEUP OF ANY GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE COUNTRY. MUJIB APPEARS INSTEAD INTENT AT PRESENT ON SHIFTING BODIES ABOUT FOR PURPOSE OF POLITICAL BALANCE, NOT REASONS OF STATE. WHAT WE DO SEE IN THE VARIED CANDIDATES MENTIONED FOR BAKSAL LEADERSHIP IS EVIDENCE THAT MUJIB IS STILL RELYING PRIMARILY UPON TRIED-AND-TRUE AWAMI LEAGUERS (SUCH AS HIS CONTEMPORARY MANSOOR ALI), SECOND-GENERATION LOYALISTS (ZILLUR RAHMAN AND ABDUR RAZZAK), AND FAMILY MEMBERS (MONI AND STUDENT LEADER SHAHIDUL ISLAM). OUTSIDE THESE CATEGORIES, ONLY MOHIUDDIN AHMED AND ATAUR RAHMAN KHAN ARE FREQUENTLY MENTIONED FOR IMPORTANT POSITIONS. AHMED, A 1970 CONVERT FROM NAP/MUZZAFAR, MAY BE GIVEN A LEADERSHIP ROLE TO SATISFY LEFT ELEMENTS OF BAKSAL. ATAUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RAHMAN KHAN, WITH MAULANA BHASHANI THE SENIOR POLITICIAN OF THE COUNTRY, MIGHT SERVE AS A SYMBOL OF THE NATIONAL UNITY BAKSAL IS MEANT TO EMBODY.

4. SHEIKH MUJIB HAS A VERY SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS TO ANNOUNCE ON JUNE 7. BUT HE STILL HAS NUMEROUS OTHER MAJOR DECISIONS TO MAKE THAT HE CAN -- AND, DOUBTLESS, WILL -- SPACE OUT

OVER THE COMING MONTHS. THESE INCLUDE: MEMBERSHIPS  
OF BAKSAL'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE, THE REORGANIZATION AND  
STAFFING OF THE COUNTRY'S ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE,  
AND THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FIRST EXPERIMENTAL COM-  
PULSORY COOPERATIVES. MUJIB HAS ADOPTED A PRACTICE  
OF OFFERING A MONTHLY SENSATION, AND WE EXPECT HIM TO  
MAINTAIN THIS PATTERN FOR SOME TIME TO COME.  
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